

Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan DBE MP
House of Commons
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22 October 2019

Dear Dame Cheryl,

Thank you for your letter regarding the information event held in Great Missenden. I have looked into the concerns you have raised. We recognise that there is a great deal of interest in HS2 construction works locally and many people have concerns about the impacts.

At the event we had staff representing HS2, Fusion, the scheme designers Peter Brett Associates and Buckingham Group Ltd, along with individuals from each organisation who are familiar with the village and the surrounding area. In order to staff the event to match the anticipated attendance, there were some staff supporting the event who were less familiar with the area and local concerns, but were able to address general questions and signpost residents to the right person in the room, who would then be able to answer their specific question. We also ensured we had question forms available for people to fill in if they required further information, which the team have taken away and responded directly to the individuals.

I am sorry to hear about the poor feedback you received from constituents about the event. We will ensure we take that feedback on board and listen to what the community is telling us, so we can identify ways we can continue to improve our engagement.

Since the event, our team and our contractors have undertaken door-knocking with local residents and businesses, and held meetings with the local schools ahead of the works. They have also been and will continue to be visible in the village leading up to and during the works to respond to local concerns.

If you would like a further conversation about this we would be happy to arrange a call or meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie King', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Julie King
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